



August 15, 2019

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**The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210**

**Re: Petition of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. for an Accounting
Order Related to the Installation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure;
Docket No. 2019-241-E/G**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On July 3, 2019, Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC") filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") a petition for an accounting order ("Petition") related to the installation of advanced metering infrastructure ("AMI"). By letter dated August 14, 2019, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") submitted a letter to the Commission indicating that "ORS does not object to the Company's request for an accounting order for certain incremental costs associated with the Company's AMI investments" In its letter, ORS also made certain recommendations with respect to DESC offering certain customers the ability to "opt-out" of AMI deployment where costs for the alternative metering arrangement would be paid by the customer opting out; considering a medical waiver for fees associated with the "opt-out" option consistent with those recently approved for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC; and filing a Customer Education Plan with respect to AMI deployment and the "opt-out" option.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that DESC has no objections to the ORS recommendations in its letter dated August 14, 2019. The Company commits to making an opt-out option, including provisions for medical waiver for opt-out fees, available to certain customers prior to AMI deployment. And, with respect to the ORS's recommendation that the Company "file a Customer Education Plan with the Commission which provides specific detail of how the Company will communicate AMI deployment to its customers, the availability of 'opt-out' options and benefits of AMI customers," the Company hereby commits that it will file a Customer Education Plan within 90 days of the Commission's approval of the Company's Petition.

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By copy of this letter, we are serving the ORS with a copy of this letter.

If you have any questions, please advise.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

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